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I had such hopes that my government was going to stick by its principals and put a final end to the illegal and unethical business practices of an unrestrained giant, namely Microsoft Corporation.

Unfortunately, it would appear as though the Department of Justice is for sale to the highest bidder.

As American consumers, we look to our government to responsibly regulate businesses - particularly when those businesses are conducting illegal activities (as Microsoft has been found to be practicing for some time).

I believe my biggest concern is for our nation's future. Microsoft's terribly inferior products - and their status as an unrestrained and unregulated monopoly - combine to constitute a serious risk to our nation's security (in terms of information infrastructure due to virii, security failures, etc.) and its position as a technological leader.

Governments around the world are beginning to say "NO!" to Microsoft's monopoly and are embracing Linux, BSD Unix, and other Open Source alternatives. We are destined to become technologically moribund if the DOJ's settlement prevails.

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